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New Hampshire Fire Service:

A very Happy New Year to all. I have three items to discuss in this issue:

- ◆ Quarterly Newsletters: This is the second issue that is following a new schedule of offering four newsletter issues each year, rather than six. There are many reasons for this; the most compelling are the timeliness of information and economics. We hope to enhance the information given in each issue as well as assure a comprehensive schedule of courses that are forthcoming.
- ◆ Live Training Burns: Acquired structure training burns are alive and well in New Hampshire, and will continue to be so! I need to quell a rumor that the Division of Fire Standards & Training is opposed to acquired structure burns; this is not completely true. If you burn a structure for training, there are several rules, which should or must be followed, which are located within this newsletter. We believe in these burns if all the rules, regulations, and accepted practices are followed, without variance; this will minimize injuries and will assure a real training value in the burn.
- ◆ Funding for Fire Training: House Bill 1504 during the last legislative session included a funding mechanism that ended the session with the establishment of a study committee to review funding options for the Division of Fire Standards & Training and the Division of Emergency Medical Services. The committee has met several times and legislation will be drafted before the end of December. We will need a lot of support during this process. . .watch for more information!

As you can see, we are moving forward and we would be remiss if we overlooked thanking the people we are here to serve: you...the New Hampshire Fire Service, we wish you the best for this new year! Remember you can subscribe to our listserve by e-mailing to: subscribe-fst-news@webster.state.nh.us and write “subscribe” in the subject line. Have a safe year!

Respectfully,

Richard A. Mason, Director

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st Weds. of each month (except July-August)

NH Fire Standards & Training Commission Meeting, 9:30 a.m. NHFA

2nd Thurs. of each month

Tests/Retests; sittings at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.;

preregistration required by 1st of month NHFA

Sept. 10-14

Firefighter Entrance Exam NHFA

FIRE INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMS:

Jan. 4 Fire Service Instructor Program Orientation NHFA

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10 ... Fire Service Instructor Program NHFA

FIRE OFFICER PROGRAMS:

Sept. 18 Fire Officer I & II Program Orientation NHFA

Oct. 1-5 Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #1 NHFA

Oct. 15-19 Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #2 NHFA

Oct. 29-Nov. 2 Fire Officer I & II Program - Week #3 NHFA

FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMS:

Mar. 5-May 21 Firefighter II, Spring Evening Program NHFA

Mar. 13-Aug. 14 Firefighter I, Spring Evening Program NHFA

Mar. 26-June 8 Recruit School: NHFA

Mar. 26-May 4 Firefighter I

May 7-May 25 Firefighter II

May 29-June 8 Certified Career Firefighter

Sept. 4-Nov. 20 Firefighter II, Fall Evening Program NHFA

Sept. 5-Mar. 2002 Firefighter I, Fall Evening Program NHFA

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROGRAMS:

Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27,

March 1, 6, 8 Hazardous Materials Technician NHFA

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING: Watch for future listings

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS:

June 24-29 Fire Explorer Academy NHFA

TERRORISM PROGRAMS: Watch for future listings

NEW HAMPSHIRE 24 HOURS A DAY ARSON HOTLINE – 1-800-400-3526

In cooperation with: New Hampshire State Police. New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office. New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs. New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society

"ACADEMY AWARDS" FOR 2000 PRESENTED BY NH Fire Standards & Training Commission

In a ceremony at the New Hampshire Fire Academy on Wednesday evening, November 1, 2000, the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission presented its "Academy Awards" for this year.

The Academy Awards, by vote of the Commission on July 24, 1996, shall be given to that person or persons who, in the estimation of a Commissioner, has made an outstanding contribution to New Hampshire firefighter training. Nominations may be made by any Commission Member. All nominations are reviewed by a select committee of the Commission who makes the final determination as to the recipients.

The four recipients for 2000 were:

Deputy Chief Richard Martel, Manchester Fire Department, who has dedicated his life and career to the advancement of the New Hampshire Fire Service and developing the physical standards utilized for employment.

Lieutenant Jonathan Cares, Londonderry Fire Department, who has served the future of the New Hampshire Fire Service through his efforts in developing the New Hampshire Fire Explorer Academy in an exemplary and commendable manner.

Commissioner Philip Frazier who has dedicated service to the New Hampshire Fire Service for nearly two decades as a member of the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission.

Commissioner Wallace Stickney who provided the leadership within the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to assure the acquisition of exceptional property to build the New Hampshire Fire Academy.

Past recipients are:

1996: Chief Barry Bush (Retired), Assistant Chief Peter Carver (Retired), Chief Brent Lemire, Chief Emanuel Lagerberg, and Training Coordinator Robert Irish

1997: Susan J. Beaudoin, Dr. Henry W. Munroe, Chief Robert R. Petrin, Chief Robert E. Murray Jr. and the Meadowood County Area Fire Department

1998: Governor Walter R. Peterson, Honorable Richard M. Flynn, Dr. Jean R. Richards, and Professor Thomas J. Hammond

1999: Captain John Beland, Captain David Duquette, Chief Joseph Kane, Director Richard Mason, and Former Representative Joanne O'Rourke

NEWS FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE ACADEMY

ATTENTION THOSE GOING TO FDIC IN INDIANAPOLIS

If you are planning to attend the Fire Department Instructors' Conference in Indianapolis February 26-March 4, 2001, please contact Heather at the Fire Academy (800-371-4503). We will keep a list of those attending for the purposes of shared travel and other issues we can consolidate.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: CHIEF LITEVICH IS VERMONT BOUND

Bureau of Training and Certification Chief Jim Litevich has retired from the NH Division of Fire Standards and Training to become the Director for Vermont Fire Service Training. He has more than 20 years with the New Hampshire Fire Service, starting in Claremont, and spent the last 11 years with the Academy.

Please join us in congratulating Jim on a job well done. Congratulations upon your appointment, Jim!

VISITING COMMITTEE SOUGHT FOR RAPID INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING PROGRAMS

The New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission has initiated a visiting committee to study and recommend a state training program for rapid intervention teams (RIT). If you are interested in this position, please contact Heather at the Fire Academy (800-371-4503) or email the Director at rmason@nhsafetyfire.mv.com by February 15, 2001.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE FIRE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

The New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs are recommending two new members for nomination to the New Hampshire Fire Standards & Training Commission. They will replace Chief Brian Thibeault (Plymouth) who has served as the Vice-Chairman for the past three years and Chief Harold Harbour (Tilton-Northfield), as both have decided not to seek a re-appointment. The full-time chief position will be filled by Portsmouth Fire Chief Rick Plummer and the volunteer chief position will be filled by Candia Fire Chief Les Cartier.

We expect their nominations to be finalized by the February meeting of the Commission. Welcome aboard, Chiefs Plummer and Cartier!

Kearsarge Mutual Aid Compact, Inc.

Officers elected at the Kearsarge Mutual Aid Compact meeting on September 20, 2000 who are scheduled to serve until the next regular election to be held in March 2002:

President: Hank Thomas, Newbury Fire Dept.

Vice President: Walter Partridge, New London Fire Dept.

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Nelson

JANUARY 11, 2001 WINTER MEETING

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PYROTECHNICS AND SPECIAL EFFECTS

On Thursday, January 11, 2001 a joint meeting of the New England College & University Safety Officers and the New Hampshire Fire Prevention Society will take place at the University of New Hampshire hosted by Ronald P. O'Keefe, Fire Chief. Pyrotechnics and special effects are becoming more common. Once reserved for big shows like WWF, pyrotechnics are now common even for the smallest venues.

If you have any questions, please contact Fire Marshal Mark Tetreault at 603-862-1426; e-mail mtetrealut@ci.durham.nh.us; FAX 603-862-1513

LOCATION: UNH, Memorial Union Building (MUB), 83 Main Street, Durham, NH 03824

PARKING: "C" Lot; this is directly behind the MUB.

COST: \$30.00 per person and \$35.00 for nonmembers of NECUFSOA or NHFPS

08:30-09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00-09:30 Separate Business Meetings

10:00-12:00 Mr. Henry Renfrew, Chair of the NFPA Technical Committee on Special Effects, and Mr. Clark Parkhurst, Pyro and Flame Technician present an overview of NFPA 160 Flame Effects Before an Audience and NFPA 1126 Use of Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:00 Live Pyrotechnics Demonstration at the Whittemore Center Arena, featuring Atlas Pyrovision Productions

15:00-15:30 Open Discussion and Closing Remarks

Make checks payable to: NHFPS/NHIAAI and mail to: NH Municipal Association, Winter Conference, PO Box 617, Concord, NH 03302 with this form:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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FALL 2000 FIRE OFFICER PROGRAM GRADUATION

The State of New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission and the Department of Safety Division of Fire Standards and Training is pleased to announce the Graduation of 21 individuals from the Fall 2000 Fire Officer Program. These men and women are a sample of firefighters and officers from 13 communities from the southern borders to the northern country of Littleton.

Director Richard A. Mason announces Commencement exercises were held at the Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy, located at 222 Sheep Davis Road (Route 106), Concord, on November 3, 2000.

This 126-hour long class, which started September 19 and culminated with graduation, is designed to teach present and future Fire Officers how to cope with emergency situations as well as dealing with personnel issues on and off the emergency scene. Some of the studies, along with 12 projects that the participants were required to do off campus, included safety and wellness, strategies and tactics of fireground operations, and communication skills including public information.

The Fire Officers 14th graduating class were honored to have Retired Chief Barry Bush as the guest speaker at Graduation.

Along with the donation of a plaque and a leather helmet to the New Hampshire Fire Academy to remember them by, the graduating class made a financial donation to the New England Children's Burn Camp. This free camp provides a week of much needed recreation for children who have been hospitalized for injuries sustained in a fire. The Fire Officer Class would like to personally thank those instructors who took the time to teach this valuable training.

Donations can be made to: Connecticut Burn Care Foundation
Burn Camp, 21 Wentworth Street, Milford, Connecticut 06460

Graduates:

Michael J. Andosca Jr	Concord
John F. Araujo	Nashua
Frank A. Avellino	Dover
William Brusseau	Littleton
Lt. Joseph Burns	Rochester
George R. Calligandes	Londonderry
Stephane R. Cattin	Salem
Lt. Matthew W. Clark	Hampton
Lt. John F. Couture	Manchester
Thomas J. Dalton	Merrimack
Lt. Francine M. Dupuis	Merrimack
Mark A. Dupuis	Rochester
Thomas Freire	Concord
Lt. Ralph V. Kelloway	Nashua
Gregory A. Mattson	Derry
Gary J. Murtagh	Nashua
Walter J. Owen	Derry
James D. Paquette	Hudson
Ronald R. Ricard	Nashua
Thomas E. Tetreault Jr	Salem
Thomas J. Zotti	Wolfeboro

ANNUAL NEW HAMPSHIRE FIRE SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

The New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit announces its Annual New Hampshire Fire Service Awards Program, and again requests the support of all fire service personnel in recognizing outstanding acts of courage by career, call and volunteer fire service personnel of New Hampshire.

This program was initiated in 1986, after the death of Concord Dispatcher Paul Sypek. In his estate, Paul left the original funding and designated a committee to carry out the plan for this recognition. The first annual award ceremony was held in 1987 and, since then, many New Hampshire fire service personnel have been given awards for their heroic actions.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT NOW!

There are many fire service personnel throughout the State who have performed courageous acts which should be recognized. Any events occurring between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2000 are eligible at this time for presentation at our next awards ceremony in October, 2001.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. A typed letter on proper organization letterhead from (a) Chief of Fire Department of designee; (b) head of a recognized

fire service organization or union; (c) Town or City Manager, Mayor, Selectman, etc. The letter is to describe the action and circumstances leading to the action. It must be a detailed report of what happened, including the type of emergency, time of day, date, and a description of conditions which made the event hazardous, dangerous or unusual.

2. Nominee(s)' name, mailing address, home and work telephone, fire department or organization, and rank must be included in the letter.

3. All paid, call, and volunteer firefighters or emergency service personnel are eligible; also, awards may be made posthumously.

4. Include any pertinent newspaper clippings, photographs, or videos, as well as a listing of any other awards the nominee(s) received.

Deadline: Must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2001

Mail to: NH Fire Service Committee of Merit
Stacey DeVol, Secretary
10 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03305

Any Questions: Contact Rick Mason at 1-800-371-4503 or 271-2661

Fighting Fires at ski lifts or amusement rides under tension!

Background

A fire involving a ski lift this past summer revealed a silent hazard to firefighter safety! The fire involved the base station building, lift control room and mechanical components of the drive train. The fire erupted shortly after a lightning strike in the area. According to witnesses the base station building was well involved with fire when the lift cable failed sending the cable and chairs rapidly to the ground.

A fire within a facility such as a ski lift base station presents a serious hazard to firefighters if they are not aware of where to operate safely during suppression activities. A fire exposing the components of a lift can cause failure of the system sending parts flying. The catastrophic failure of the lift cable sends it flying through the air. If a firefighter is operating in the zone where the cable will whip around and go to the ground, there will certainly be injury or death from being struck by the cable and attached chairs. The counter weight system also presents a similar hazard. Storage of fuel for the emergency back up power motor is usually overhead in the lift base station. The failure of the fuel supply container may send burning fuel down onto firefighters if they were operating in the building. The ski lift is usually electrically powered and involves high voltage.

Pre-plan

When you have a ski lift or amusement ride under tension in your jurisdiction, work with the operator to develop a pre-plan.

The operator can help identify the following:

1. Electrical power disconnect
2. Flammable or combustible liquid sources
3. Counter weights for cable tension
4. Identify year round access to the area

Suggestions for fire fighting operations at these type facilities:

1. Establish a safe zone from which no firefighter will enter during suppression activities.
This zone shall include the area of the counter weight system and projected fly zone for cable and parts if a failure occurs.
2. An access plan to the area needs to be established for year round fire suppression.
3. The safe zone needs to include the entire length of the cable, where it may fall to the ground and/or fly outward upon failure, therefore exposing people in the area to injury. This should include a search for injured people along the entire length of the cable if the failure has occurred prior to Fire Department arrival.
4. The electrical supply needs to be disconnected at the source. This needs to include any power that may pass through the building to another location.
5. Upon suppression of the fire the area still needs to be secured until all hazards have been eliminated. The cause of the fire needs to be determined and this may involve coordinated securing of hazard sources listed above along with documentation of the work done to secure them. Then the investigation may proceed into the zone of the building.

Pre-fire planning with the operator of a ski lift or amusement ride under tension will ensure safe fire fighting operations. Each lift can present a hazard that requires a separate plan. The operator is your most important resource, before, during and after a fire incident.

Resource list: State Fire Marshal's Office (271-3294), Fire Standards and Training (271-2661), Safety Services Tramway Inspector (293-0094), New Hampshire Ski Area Operators Association, Local owner/operator and the lift manufacturer.

New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit

Our purpose is to recognize acts of heroism and courage performed by members of the fire service in the State of New Hampshire. We are an outgrowth of the Annual Fire Service Awards Program.

The Awards Program was started in 1987, funded by a bequest from the estate of Paul W. Sypek, a communications operator of the Concord Fire Department, who felt that many outstanding acts of heroism, courage, and performance beyond the call of duty were going unrecognized in the State of New Hampshire.

Paul's will created a committee composed of members of the fire service to seek nominations, and provide recognition, in the forms of awards, to any firefighters in the State whose actions were deemed to be above and beyond the call of duty.

Since 1987, the program has been administered under the auspices of the Division of Fire Standards & Training, and many firefighters have been given the recognition they deserve.

During 1991, the committee members reorganized into a private, nonprofit organization, now known as the New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit. Our organization has been endorsed by the New Hampshire Division of Fire Standards & Training, the New Hampshire Fire Chiefs Association, and the New Hampshire Fire Instructors & Officers Association, to name a few.

The Committee of Merit was established to assure the permanent continuation of the program, through our bylaws, and to assure that all aspects of the fire service in New Hampshire would continue to receive representation on the Committee. We represent Full-time, Call, Volunteer, and State firefighters. The Committee is funded entirely through donations.

Stacey DeVol, Secretary	Robert Fitz, Treasurer
Harold Harbour	Joseph Kane, Chair
Richard Mason, Vice Chair	Robert Petrin
Jesse Roberts	Alan Sypek



NH FOREST FIRE SERVICES

News & Notes



Remember . . . Safety First . . . On Every Incident . . . Every Time!

- 1) Effective January 1, 2001, change in fire permit law, RSA 227-L:17, II, will read "II. No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or shall burn or cause to be burned any material, and no city or town shall kindle or maintain a fire on a public dump, [in or near woodlands, or where fire may be communicated to such land] except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the forest fire warden of the town where the burning is to be done unless it is in the presence of the warden or the warden's agent." This update will be sent to all forest fire wardens.
- 2) 2000 fire statistics - Our two most prevalent fire causes were debris burning; 263 fires and miscellaneous (i.e. powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown); 151 fires. Total fires 516 for 149 acres burned. Hillsborough and Merrimack Counties had the most fires, 118 and 92 respectively.
- 3) Fire grants:
 - a) The Division has applied for grants for installing/refurbishing rural water supplies and Wildland Urban Interface prevention/mitigation. We hope to hear by the new year if we were successful.
 - b) Volunteer Fire Assistance - the 2001 grants will be delayed due to lack of information from USFS on dollars awarded to states.
- 4) The Division is reviewing cost share rate schedules for Warden, Deputy Warden and Special Deputy hourly rates and rates for equipment.
- 5) Upcoming training - mark your calendars: Warden/Deputy Warden training is scheduled for February 9-11, 2001 and the Fire Training Weekend is scheduled for June 1-3, 2001. More to come!!!!
- 6) Federation of Fire Mutual Aid Association meeting Wednesday, January 17, 2001 - 7 pm at the Ashland Fire Department!

To ALL New Hampshire fire service personnel: Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year from the Division of Forests and Lands and the Forest Rangers.

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LIVE TRAINING BURNS IN ACQUIRED STRUCTURES

It is estimated that there are 50 or more live fire training burns in New Hampshire every year. . . we have been very fortunate that we have had very few injuries from such burns. Not long ago an Assistant Fire Chief in a Delaware fire department lost his life while igniting a fire in the attic of such a structure. . . we DO NOT want this to happen here.

It is not the intention of this article to limit these types of training evolutions. It is intended to let the New Hampshire Fire Service know that there are existing laws that need to be complied with that may have been overlooked in the past, and to reinforce the need to follow certain protocol. It would be very embarrassing if a fire department burned the wrong structure. . . follow the standard and that would be impossible!

There are several items that need to be followed when conducting such a burn:

NFPA 1403, Standard on Live Fire Evolutions:

The NFPA has a consensus standard that deals with the appropriateness of live fire training burns, and must be followed! While it is not promulgated by the State in any law, it will certainly lessen the liability to the fire department should the fire be a nuisance to neighbors or get out of control, or should there be any injuries sustained.

The Division of Fire Standards and Training has an extensive packet that gives the organization information and check sheets to follow that are in accordance with the standard and can be obtained free by contacting our office at 800-371-4503 or 271-2661. It is also helpful if you have a copy of the newest standard (1997).

The Department of Environmental Services, within their Administrative Rules, allows the following (Statutory Authority: RSA 125-C:4):

PART Env-A 1001 OPEN BURNING

Env-A 1001.01 Purpose. The purpose of this part is to regulate emissions of particulate matter and toxic air pollutants from the burning of materials in the open where the products of combustion are discharged directly into the atmosphere rather than through a stack, chimney, or flue, in order to achieve and maintain attainment of the ambient air quality standards in accordance with sections 109 and 110 of the Clean Air Act, and to protect the public health and welfare pursuant to RSA 125-C:1.

Env-A 1001.02 Scope. This part shall apply to any natural person, firm, corporation, association, municipality or state agency that conducts open burning within the state.

Env-A 1001.03 Permissible Burning.

(a) Open burning in any part of the state shall be done only when the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) When not prohibited by any local ordinance;
- (2) When not prohibited by an official having jurisdiction over open burning;
- (3) When no nuisance is created; and

(4) When all materials that are burned are in conformance with this part.

(b) Throughout the state, only the following types of burning shall be permissible without authorization from the division:

(1) Burning of untreated wood, campfire wood, brush or charcoal in a campfire, outdoor grill or outdoor fireplace for recreational purposes or for the preparation of food;

(2) On-premises burning for the purpose of frost prevention, or agricultural, forestry, or wildlife habitat improvement;

(3) Burning of solid fuel, liquid fuel, a motor vehicle, or a structure that has been certified to be free of asbestos in accordance with Env-A 1800, provided that the following conditions shall be met:

a. The burning be conducted to provide bona fide instruction and training of firefighters in methods of fighting fires;

b. The burning shall be conducted under the direct control and supervision of qualified instructors; and

c. Written permission shall have been obtained in advance from the New Hampshire department of resources and economic development, division of forests and lands, bureau of forest protection; or

(4) Burning of untreated wood, campfire wood or brush in bonfires in conjunction with holiday or festive celebrations.

(c) In an area which has been classified as "attainment" of the ambient air quality standards for particulates pursuant to Env-A 300, the following types of burning shall be permissible without authorization from the division:

(1) Burning of combustible domestic rubbish from a residence where the following conditions exist:

a. There is no public removal service;

b. The burning shall occur on-premises in a waste burner having a capacity of 7 cubic feet or less; and

c. The waste is generated from a residential building containing 4 or less dwelling units;

(2) Periodic on-site burning by the landowner of brush and leaves which originate on-site;

(3) Commercial burning of brush, provided that no other disposal method, such as chipping, can be utilized; or

(4) Burning of untreated wood from the construction or demolition of a building, provided that such burning shall be done in an area which shall be specified and approved by officials having jurisdiction over open burning.

Env-A 1001.04 Division Authorization for Certain Open Burning.

(a) In addition to any other required state or local permits or authorizations, written authorization shall be obtained from the division prior to conducting any of the following types of open burning:

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(1) Burning of materials as described in Env-A 1001.03(c), above, in an area of the state that has been classified as "non-attainment" of the ambient air quality standards for particulates pursuant to Env-A 300;

(2) Burning by any city or town of brush or untreated wood from the construction or demolition of a building, provided the material originates within the state; or

(3) Open burning of explosive or dangerous material for which there is no other feasible method of safe disposal.

(b) The open burning in this section shall only be done in an area which is approved by the division and all officials having jurisdiction over open burning.

(c) The written authorization from the division shall include the date, time, and place where the open burning shall be permissible and any conditions and requirements which are necessary to ensure the safeness of the burning and to properly regulate the emissions.

Env-A 1001.05 Absolute Prohibition Against Burning Tires and Tubes.

(a) No tires, tubes or any portion thereof shall be burned in the ambient air at any place in the state for any reason.

(b) Tires, tubes or any portion thereof which are received at any dump shall be separated from the waste and disposed of by a feasible means other than open burning.

Env-A 1001.06 Absolute Prohibition Against Burning in the Ambient Air at Salvaging or Reclaiming Operations.

(a) A suitable incinerator or other means of compliance approved by the division pursuant to Env-A 1900 shall be employed for all thermal salvaging or reclaiming.

(b) No salvaging or reclaiming operation shall burn anything on-site in the ambient air.

The Department of Environmental Services, Division of Air Resources can be reached at 603-271-1370. Note that considerable time is needed to certify the structure is asbestos free, and there are several places where samples can be analyzed, the division can assist with that. Basically any structure built after 1980 shall be considered asbestos free.

The Department of Environmental Services will be looking at rewriting the Administrative Rules in the near future (within a year or two), and have sought input from the fire service. If you wish more information, please contact Rudy Cartier at 1-800-837-0656 (Rudy is employed at DES and also serves the Town of Candia as Deputy Fire Chief).

N.H. Division of Emergency Medical Services

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N.H. EMS Website: www.state.nh.us/safety/ems

MAIL: N.H. Division of EMS, 10 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305-0003

The Division of Emergency Medical Services reached a milestone with the one year anniversary of the relocation of the agency to the NH Department of Safety on November 19, 2000. A thank you to all involved in the transition!

It has been a fast-paced and exciting year both for the Division's personnel and the EMS community as efforts are underway to meet the needs and challenges heading into the 21st Century!

During the fall months, the NH Emergency Medical & Trauma Services Coordinating Board was actively involved in updating the statewide "EMS plan" with the specific objectives of establishing immediate and long-term plans to encompass the direction of emergency medical services in our state for the next ten years.

The EMS Coordinating Board has been working with the NH EMS Medical Control Board, the Division, and the Department of Safety to cooperatively develop inclusive

Vision and Mission statements: The planning process continues with a joint work session scheduled for January 2001 to finalize overall goals and objectives.

A reminder to EMS providers due for National Registry of EMT recertification, the entire refresher and relicensure process must be completed by April 1, 2001 in order to remain an active NH EMS provider. Refresher information is mailed monthly to all EMS Units as well as being posted on the Division's website at www.state.nh.us/safety/ems.

Please contact the Division at (603) 271-4568/NH: 1-888-827-5367 with any questions.

N.H. EMS Vision Statement

"To be a model of excellence in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services"

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"To continuously improve our comprehensive statewide EMS system in order to insure excellence of out-of-hospital emergency medical care to all persons within the State of New Hampshire"

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NINTH ANNUAL FIRE SERVICE AWARDS & RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

On Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at the Capitol Center For The Arts in Concord, the New Hampshire Fire Service Committee of Merit held its Ninth Annual Fire Service Awards & Recognition Presentation. This ceremony is dedicated to all career, call, and volunteer Fire Service Personnel throughout the State of New Hampshire, past and present.

The Committee of Merit's Award Categories are: (1) The Paul W. Sypek Medal of Valor (The highest award which may be given; for conspicuous bravery at extreme risk to life, above and beyond the call of duty, in an effort to protect and save a human life.); (2) Class 1 Medal of Valor (Distinguishes himself/herself by extraordinary heroism in line of duty, generally at extreme risk of life.); (3) Class 2 Medal of Valor (Heroism in the line of duty.); (4) Class 3 Medal of Valor (Distinguished himself/ herself for heroic action in line of duty.); (5) Unit Citation (For all members of a company or group, operating together, who perform meritorious service at the scene of an emergency incident.); (6) Distinguished Dispatcher Award (Awarded to a dispatcher, who by his/her actions renders dispatching support which has an unusually important bearing on the outcome of an emergency incident or fire.); and (7) Meritorious Service Medal (For individuals or agencies whose actions the Committee feels have had a significant impact on the Fire or EMS Service in the State of New Hampshire.)

The Awards recipients were:

Paul W. Sypek Medal of Valor: FF Ronald Charland-Manchester Fire and FF Gary A. Mack-Plymouth Fire

Class 2 Medal of Valor: Lt. Thomas M. Beaulieu-Tilton/Northfield Fire, FF Stephen Beaulieu-Tilton/Northfield Fire, FF Christopher M. Harris-Tilton/Northfield Fire, FF Michael D. Brillard-Hampton Fire, FF John L. Karmen III-Hampton Fire, FF Robert R. Thompson-Hampton Fire, and Inspector Jonathan M. True-Hampton Fire

Class 3 Medal of Valor: Dispatcher Elisa M. Benton-Hudson Fire, Lt. Todd M. Hansen-Hudson Fire, Captain Jack Goodwin (Retired)-Hampton Fire, FF William T. Kennedy-Hampton Fire, and FF Douglas H. Grant-Manchester Fire

Meritorious Service Award: Colebrook Fire Department and Chief Harold P. Harbour (Retired) -Tilton/Northfield Fire

UNIT CITATIONS:

NH FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE: Fire Marshal Donald P. Bliss, Deputy Fire Marshal J. William Degnan, Investigator E. James Wells, Investigator/K-9 Handler John H. Southwell, and Murphy the Arson Dog

HAMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Alarm Operator Thomas P. Andrews, FF Michael D. Brillard, EMS Officer Richard W. Cooper, FF Justin A. Cutting, EMT Sean M. Gannon, Captain

Jack Goodwin (Retired), FF George B. James, FF John L. Karmen III, FF William T. Kennedy, Captain Guy G. Larrivee, Lt. David B. Mattson, FF John C. Stevens, FF Robert R. Thompson, Jr., Inspector Jonathan M. True, and Captain William J. Welsh

MANCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT: FF Jeffrey S. Aboshar, FF Ernest J. Durand, Lt. Joseph E. Flanagan, FF Mark J. Lawrence, FF Henry G. Martineau, Lt. Scott D. Merrill, FF Leo P. Roy, and FF John P. Rumfelt; Rockingham Ambulance Paramedics: Joel Minsky and Robert Dilyzio

ROCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT: Captain Scott E. Benoit, FF Thomas E. Cook, Captain John R. Evans, FF Christopher P. Fleming, Captain Daniel E. Hussey, FF Donald J. Penney, and FF Brian P. Snyder

SOMERSWORTH FIRE DEPARTMENT: Lt. Roland R. Bisson, FF Gregory P. Guilmette, Lt. Donald R. Messier, FF Nicholas Milonopoulos, Lt. Martin A. Pepin, and Lt. Marc Vaillancourt

TILTON/NORTHFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT: FF Matthew A. Auger, Cpt. Paul A. Auger, FF Stephen Beaulieu, Lt. Thomas M. Beaulieu, FF Dean L. Coleman, FF Christopher M. Harris, Deputy Ronald Huckins, FF Kevin P. LaChapelle, FF Tara A. LaChapelle, and FF George F. Reynolds

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WOLFEBORO FIRE-RESCUE PROMOTIONS

Effective Monday, November 13, 2000 Lieutenant Philip "Butch" Morrill Jr. formally took over as Deputy Chief.

Effective that same date, Group 2 Firefighter Tom Zotti was promoted to Group 1 Lieutenant. He also took over Morrill's duties as head of the Fire Prevention Division.

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